

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANTHONY G. BROWN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mr. BROWN of Maryland. Madam Speaker, on roll call no. 437, I mistakenly voted "nay" when I intended to vote "aye." I was a co-sponsor of H.R. 1044 in this and the previous Congress. I firmly believe that our immigration system needs comprehensive reform and this legislation is a small but important first step to alleviate the decades-long backlogs in our outdated employment and family-based immigration systems.

CONGRATULATING SHANE
JOHNSON FOR HIS SERVICE**HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my appreciation and commendation to Shane Johnson who will be leaving the Department of Energy's Office of Nuclear Energy after thirty years of service and success.

When you have the honor of representing Idaho's Second Congressional District and the Idaho National Laboratory, you learn a lot about nuclear energy and the important role the federal government plays researching, developing and deploying this amazing technology. Another part of that education is collaborating with the people at the Department of Energy who oversee the labs and these programs. It is in that capacity that I was able to see Shane Johnson lead the Office of Nuclear Energy on multiple occasions with extreme professionalism and vision.

If you go back and look at the major programs and accomplishments of the DOE Office of Nuclear Energy, you will see Shane Johnson's fingerprints all over the place. When DOE helped industry get two advanced light water reactor designs licensed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Shane was there; when DOE worked with industry to get the first small modular reactors ready for deployment, in Idaho, Shane was there; when the Office of Nuclear Energy set up a robust university program to educate and graduate the next generation of nuclear scientists and engineers, Shane was there; when the Office of Nuclear Energy made its labs and facilities available to industry and universities to support technology development, Shane was there; and, when the Office of Nuclear Energy and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission began working together to use lab developed codes to enhance reactor safety and security, Shane was there again. At the end of the day, when you look at Shane's career and you see significant impacts and lasting contributions. A "thank you," and a "job well done is deserved."

While Shane's accomplishments are real and impactful, his leadership of the Office of Nuclear Energy and his stewardship of the Idaho National Laboratory deserve special recognition. As administrations and initiatives come and go, it is the enduring leadership of the federal staff that keep our government op-

erating. In his career at the Office of Nuclear Energy, incoming administrations have asked Shane to lead the office and the staff to keep our fundamental goals and objectives in sight. Shane excelled in this role and when he came before my Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee, you could see the confidence and pride his colleagues had in his leadership.

As he leaves federal service, I want to thank Shane for his outstanding contribution at the Office of Nuclear Energy and wish him and his wife, Susan, all the best in the future. His service will benefit generations of Americans to come.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RICHARD
H. NETTLETON**HON. ELAINE G. LURIA**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the late Richard H. Nettleton, who was senselessly murdered in the Virginia Beach Municipal Center shooting. Virginia Beach lost Richard far too soon.

Richard worked as an engineer for the Department of Public Utilities for the City of Virginia Beach. For decades, Richard served Virginia Beach faithfully. Richard was well-known by all in his field and many of his colleagues admired and respected his work.

Not only was he a public servant, but he also served overseas. Richard served in the United States Army in Germany. Friends described Richard as a dedicated worker and a leader. Richard's life of hard work and service to the community, as well as his selfless attitude, will forever be remembered.

Richard will be missed by all his loved ones. Hampton Roads significantly benefited from his presence; he made our community a better place. Today we remember and honor his life.

IN MEMORY OF DR. WRIGHT L.
LASSITER, JR.**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to the distinguished life and legacy of Dr. Wright L. Lassiter, Jr., who passed away on Monday, July 1, 2019. Dr. Lassiter was known throughout the Dallas community for his wisdom as an educator, his leadership as a businessman, and his selflessness as a volunteer.

Dr. Lassiter served in the higher education system for an impressive thirty-plus years. His positions included President of Schenectady County Community College, President of Bishop College, President of El Centro Community College, and most recently Chancellor of the Dallas County Community College District, the largest community college system in Texas. He was also a Distinguished Adjunct Professor of Leadership Studies and Management/Ethics at Dallas Baptist University, a Master Professor in the Educational Leadership Program at the University of Texas, and a Visiting Professor at Texas A&M University.

Dr. Lassiter had a passion for higher education and made it a priority of his to ensure that underrepresented students had equal access to it.

In addition to his career as an educator and administrator, Dr. Lassiter earned national recognition for his diversity and inclusion advocacy. He held presidential appointments to the White House Commission on Minority Business Development and the National Advisory Council to the National Endowment for the Humanities under Presidents George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush, respectively. He also held an appointment from former Texas Governor Rick Perry to the Task Force to Develop the State Higher Education Plan.

Dr. Lassiter was recognized for his work as the first African American recipient of the Russell Perry Distinguished Leadership Award by Dallas Baptist University, the Distinguished Service Award by the Dallas-Fort Worth Hospital Council, and the Jubilee History—Maker Award. He also published thirteen books and collections of speeches and sermons.

Outside of his professional life, Dr. Lassiter lent his free time to our community. He was a board member of the Dallas Salvation Army, United Way, the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Foundation, and the Dallas Housing Authority, to name a few. His contributions to the Dallas area are truly immeasurable, and his work will have a lasting impact on our community.

Dr. Lassiter is survived by his wife Demetria; son Wright Lassiter III; daughter Michele LassiterEwell; and two granddaughters, Ryan and Loren.

I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering Dr. Lassiter and his contributions through public service, his dedication to his students, and his love for the Dallas community. We will miss him dearly.

HONORING THE BERETTA FAMILY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today with the Honorable Jared Huffman to honor the Beretta Family as the recipient of the 2019 Sonoma County Farm Bureau Luther Burbank Conservation Award, which recognizes an individual, business, or family that is committed to environmental stewardship. The Beretta Family Dairy has become increasingly environmentally friendly over the last 70 years.

The Beretta Family started focusing on their farm's impact on the environment in the 1950s. They stopped using chemical fertilizers, focused on pasture management, and committed to growing as much of their own feed as possible to reduce the amount of food that had to be trucked long distances. They currently produce 60 percent of the feed required for their 350 dairy cows, which not only helps the environment, but reduces the cost of feed as well. Starting in 1981, the Beretta family has used recycled water from the City of Santa Rosa to water the hay and silage on their 200 acres. By using recycled water, the family is conserving the groundwater in the aquifer underneath the Santa Rosa Plains. In 1992, the Beretta Family developed their